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February 1976 kidnapping of Owens-Illinois executive William Niehous

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The kidnappers' communique claimed that Niehous was arrested and imprisoned pending a revolutionary trial for "political and economic sabotage." The kidnappers gained worldwide publicity for their ideological program when their detailed communique was published in leading newspapers in New York, London and Paris. Venezuelan authorities, angered by this and other Owens-Illinois efforts to meet the kidnappers' demands, announced their intention to expropriate the company's assets in Venezuela.

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